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UPDATE ON PENDING TOPICS MUCH APPRECIATED. COMMENTS BELOW FOLLOW YOUR ALPHABETIC ORDERING:

A. INDIA: YES, THIS IS ABOUT THE WAY WE HAD SITUATION SIZED UP.

AGREE THAT, GIVEN MRS. G'S FONDNESS FOR BBC, COOPERATION OF GOI EXTREMELY UNLIKELY. WHAT I PROPOSED TO RAE WAS THAT, ONCE INDIAN MONITORING SERVICE COMPLETES ITS RELOCATION, AND WHEN FCO FEELS TIME IS PROPITIOUS, SOMEONE FROM BBC MS VISIT IMS TO GET A LINE ON THEIR ANTENNA SITING, RECEPTION CAPABILITIES, SIZE AND SKILLS OF STAFF, DISSEMINATION PRACTICES AND SO ON. BBC'S INFORMATION ON IMS IS QUITE OLD; LAST USEFUL REPORT WAS IN 1955, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY. FEEL BOTH OUR SERVICES SHOULD HAVE UPDATED INFORMATION ON FILE. LET'S KEEP THIS A LONG-TERM SUSPENSE ITEM AND GENTLY NUDGE BBC FROM TIME TO TIME. 4

B. TURKEY: NO SURPRISE. WE'D ALREADY UNDERSTOOD AS MUCH. 4

C. INTERESTING GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT. IS THERE ANY RECENT CRUISING INFORMATION? IF NOT, ASSUME BBC WILL CRUISE OUT SITE IN NEAR FUTURE?

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OUR FILES SHOW THAT THEY CONDUCTED A SURVEY IN 1974 FROM A ROYAL NAVY
SITE AT WINDMILL HILL, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ISLAND. AS MIGHT BE
EXPECTED, RECEPTION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL WAS TERRIFIC. COVERAGE OF
MOROCCO, ALGERIA AND TUNISIA WAS GOOD, LIBYA WAS POOR. SINCE THAT
TIME, OF COURSE, LIBYA HAS MADE SOME CHANGES IN ITS TRANSMITTERS.
WE CONSIDER THESE RESULTS INDICATIVE, BUT WOULDN'T WANT TO REPLY ON THEM
FOR SERIOUS COVERAGE PLANNING WITHOUT ANOTHER LOOK. Y

D. NOT SURE I ALTOGETHER UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM WITH THE BRUSSELS FEEDS. IMPORTANT THING IS TO TAKE A THOROUGH SAMPLING OF NEWS, COMMENTARY AND PANEL SHOWS FROM THE TV TRANSMISSIONS WHICH INTERSECT THERE, AND ALSO RADIO BROADCASTS WITH WHICH BBC NOW HAS RECEPTION DIFFICULTIES. FOUR OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS, SPEED IN PROCESSING THE TAKE IS NOT A PRIMARY CONCERN, AT LEAST NOT AT THIS POINT. YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASSIGN SOMEONE FROM THE TABS UNIT TO HELP WHEN THE TIME COMES TO MAKE SURE WE GET AN INTELLIGIBLE RESULT. BBC CAN SOMETIMES BE VERY CRYPTIC IN THEIR SUMMARIZATIONS. 4

E. VERY GRATIFIED THAT RAE IS WILLING TO MOVE ON SALISBURY

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PROJECT. FCO LIKES LILONGWE PRODUCT, SO SHOULD THINK THEY'D BITE

AT A PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE IT. I REALLY DO FEEL WE SHOULD NOT

PROCRASTINATE OR WE MAY MISS A RARE OPPORTUNITY. IT ALSO SHOULD

PLEASE BBC TO APPEAR TO BE BEARING A LARGER SHARE OF THE LOAD; THEY'VE

FELT A BIT OVERSHADOWED IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO. RVW 30JUN80 ORG

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